

CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 8, 2020

Via Zoom

9:30 A.M.

Commission
Journal #60

Notice: Pursuant to MCA 2-3-212(1), the official record of the minutes of the meeting is in audio form, located at cascadecountymt.gov and the Clerk and Records Office. This is a written record of this meeting to reflect all the proceedings of the Board. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b). Timestamps are indicated below, in red, and will direct you to the precise location should you wish to review a specific agenda item audio segment. These are in draft form until officially approved on December 22, 2020.

Commission: Chairman James L. Larson, Commissioner Jane Weber and Commissioner Joe Briggs

Staff: Carey Ann Haight – Deputy County Attorney, Charity Yonker – Planning Department Director, Kim Thiel-Schaaf – Aging Services Director, Les Payne – Public Works Director, Sandor Hopkins, Amber Hobbs and Anna Ehnes – Planners, Trisha Gardner – Public Health Officer, Jo-Viviane Jones – CCHD WIC, Mary Embleton – Budget Officer, Brad Call – Emergency Services Coordinator, Kelton Foster – IT, Bonnie Fogerty – Commission Office, and Kyler Baker – Deputy Clerk & Recorder

Public: Jess Anderson, David Saslav, Steve Taylor, Donna Anderson, Katy Egbert, Douglas Nicholls, Mark Willmarth, Vicky O'Hara, Suzanne Waring, David Johnson, Ellen Sievert, Jim Pribyl, Larry Guilbault, Jay Russell, Nate Kluz, David Murray, Jenn Rowell – The Electric, Jennifer Holcombe, Lyle Fogerty, Carol Bronson, Dr. Kelly Manzer, Rondall Knowles, Tom Wylie – KRTV, Russ Miner, Lee Signalness, Laura Feist, Lynette Scriver-Colburn, Terry Thompson, Russell McCloud, Cynthia Schultz, Beth Price Morrison, Justin Kropf, Coy Egbert, Jerry Lehman, Janet Thayer, Jess Bandel, Krista Macek, Lynn Rohrer, Nancy Scriver, John Taillie, Rebecca Engum – Tourism Great Falls, Bruce Pollington, Richard Ecke, T. McGuraran, Linda Metzger, Ken Steinke, Emma White, Randal Morger, Mary Willmarth, Connie Jenkins, Bill Salina, Kay Witham, Lewis Zanto, Gena Gremaux, Ken Mesaros, Gerry Jennings, Rae Grulkowski, Ken Robison, Ed Bandel.

Call to Order: Chairman Larson called the meeting to order.

Reading of the Commissioners' calendar: Bonnie Fogerty read the calendar. **00:39**

Purchase orders and accounts payable checks: *See agenda for payment information.* Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to approve purchase orders and accounts payable warrants. **Motion carries 3-0 03:33**

Consent agenda: Routine day-to-day items that require Commission action. Any Commissioner may pull items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion/vote.

Approval of the Minutes and Consent Agenda Items: Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to (A) Approve minute entries (November 24, 2020; December 2, 2020) (B) Approval of Routine Contracts as Follows:

Consent Agenda

<u>Board Appointment</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
DUI Task Force	Barbara Bessette	(1)	June 30, 2023
04:14			

Contract 20-193: 2nd Amendment to Attorney Retainer Agreement between Cascade County and Ugrin, Alexander, Zadick, P.C. Effective through February 28, 2021. Monthly Cost: \$7,500.00 **04:26**

Contract 20-194: Contract Between Cascade County & Great Falls Turf Club for remodeling of the Jackey's building and restrooms located at the ExpoPark facility. Contractors will be paid directly by the Great Falls Turf Club. **04:46**

Contract 20-195: Contract Between Cascade County & Palagi Plumbing for the remodel of the Jockey's restroom located at the ExpoPark facility. Total Cost: \$2,369. Contract will be paid directly by the Great Falls Turf Club. **05:11**

Contract 20-196: Contract Between Cascade County & WVH Enterprises for the remodel of Jockey's building located at the ExpoPark facility. Total Cost: \$5,700. Contract will be paid directly by the Great Falls Turf Club. **05:32**

Contract 20-197: Agreement by and between Cascade County and Great Falls Emergency Services, Inc. for the provision of ground ambulance service in Cascade County. Effective: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024. **05:53**

Contract 20-199: MT DPHHS #21027210050 Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) with Ara VII Agency on Aging. Purpose: Provide supplemental food and nutrition education. Effective: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. Reimbursable Amount Not to Exceed: \$4,128 (\$4.00 per client served, per month.) **06:12**

Contract 20-201: MT DPHHS Contract with Cascade County for CARES ACT Funding to be used by the Area 8 Agency on Aging for the purchase of a Suburban to assist with increased Commodities deliveries during the COVID-19 pandemic. Total Amount: \$43,000.00 **(ITEM PULLED NOT READY FOR OFFICIAL ACTION)**

Resolution 20-70: Budget Appropriation for the CARES ACT Funding Contract to allow for a vehicle purchase. Total Amount: \$43,000.00
(Ref: Contract 20-201) **(ITEM PULLED NOT READY FOR OFFICIAL ACTION)**

Resolution 20-73: Budget Appropriation for Public Works Fleet to increase the budget to purchase a Suburban for Commodities due to increase deliveries during COVID-19.
(Ref: Contract 20-201 & Resolution 20-73) **(ITEM PULLED NOT READY FOR OFFICIAL ACTION)**

Contract 20-203: State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant Award. Subgrant: 20-CV01-927112, Keeping Cascade County Safe: COVID-19. Federal Award: \$15,913.00 Effective: 10/01/2020 – 07/30/2021. (No County Match) **07:04**

Resolution 20-71: Budget Appropriation with the Public Safety Grant Fund #2918 due to the MT Board of Crime Control Grant Award, Sub Grant 20-CV01-92712. Total Amount: \$15,813.00 (*Ref: Contract 20-203*) **07:34**

City-County Health Department

Contract 20-198: CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. (*No Cost to the County*) **08:01**

Contract 20-200: MT DPHHS #20-25-5-41-167-0 Amendment #1 Healthy Montana Families Home Visiting Program for the CARES Act Package Funding. Funding Increase: \$8,250.00 **08:13**

Resolution 20-69: Budget Appropriation increasing budget authority in Fund #2973 Healthy Montana Families Home Visiting Program for the CARES Act. Total Amount: \$8,250.00 (*Ref: Contract 20-200*) **08:34**

Contract 20-204: Amendment to Contract 20-74 MT DPHHS CARES Act Grant – Second Payment. Under the CARES Act, the State of Montana is tasked with distributing payment for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 pandemic. Effective: June 23, 2020 – January 31, 2021. Total Amount: \$254,603.00 **08:54**

Resolution 20-72: Budget Appropriation within the CCHD Cares COVID-19 Grant Fund #2270 due to additional funds received from the CARES Act. Total Amount: \$254,603.

(*Ref: Contract 20-204*) **09:34**

Motion carries 3-0 12:03

AGENDA ITEM #1 12:17

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 20-67: Final Resolution Amending Sections 2, 4 & 18.1 of Cascade County Zoning Regulations.

Sandor Hopkins, Planner, elaborates. **12:40**

Commissioner Weber made a **MOTION** to **approve** the adoption of Resolution #20-67, a Resolution to amend Cascade County Zoning Regulations, to correct CCZR § 4, the Zoning Map, to rezone the subject parcels owned by NorthWestern Energy from Open Space to Agriculture, and Amend §§ 2 “Definitions”, and 18.1 “Uses Permitted Upon Issuance of an Unclassified Use Permit.” **21:43**

Motion carries 3-0 22:48

AGENDA ITEM #2 23:04

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Contract 20-202: Purchase Agreement with King Motors, Inc. for the purchase of one 2019 Chevrolet Suburban LT 1500 4x4. Total Purchase Price: \$43,000.00 (*Ref: Contract 20-201*)

Les Payne, Public Works Director, elaborates. **23:30**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to **approve** Contract 20-202 for the purchase of one 2019 Chevrolet Suburban LT 1500, 4x4, with 32,369 miles, from King Motors Inc, of Great Falls, MT, for a final purchase price of \$43,000.00 **25:06**

Motion carries 3-0 26:01

AGENDA ITEM #3 26:14

Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 20-68: Resolution Opposing Proposed Big Sky County National Heritage Area. Chairman Larson elaborates. **26:20**

Commissioner Weber stated that after dialogue with the Cascade County Attorney's Office her involvement with the Big Sky Country NHA, Inc. organization creates no conflict of interest, and she plans to participate in the dialogue and vote on this Resolution. Weber stated for the record that neither she, nor any member of her family, receives compensation from the Big Sky Country NHA, Inc. organization. Her role in this organization is strictly as a volunteer. **29:44**

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to **approve** Resolution 20-68, A resolution opposing the Big Sky County National Heritage Area. **35:14**

PUBLIC COMMENT: (**Extensive Public Comment was taken on this item; for the record the "Chat" of the Zoom Meeting will be entered as "Exhibit A" and all emails to the Cascade County Commissioners will be included as exhibits and will be available for public inspection in the Clerk & Records Office*)

Gerry Jennings, 317 Fox Drive, Great Falls, MT, 59404 commented. **37:59**

Ken Robison, 315 Lamplighter Lane, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented. **43:27**

Mayor of Yuma, AZ - Douglas Nicholls, 1 City Plaza, Yuma, AZ, 85364 commented. **46:41**
(*Dialogue commenced between Commissioner Weber and Mayor Nicholls – refer to audio*)

Emma White, 1524 19th Ave S, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented. **55:55**

Richard Ecke, 301 3rd Ave N, Great Falls, MT, 59404 commented. **58:54**

Rebecca Engum, Tour Great Falls, 301 3rd Ave N, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented.
1:02:19

Bill Salina, 2001 Whispering Ridge Drive, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented. **1:08:28**

Marie Snell, 436 Vaughn North Frontage Road, Vaughn, MT, 59487 commented. **1:15:31**

Lynette Sriver-Colburn, 201 Riverview Dr W, Great Falls, MT, 59404 commented. **1:17:52**
Supervisor District 2, Yuma County Commission, Russell McCloud, 198 Main Street, Yuma, AZ, 85364 commented. **1:23:36**

(*Dialogue commenced between Commissioner Weber and County Supervisor McCloud – refer to audio*)

Mary Willmarth, 220 38th Ave NE, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented. **1:29:12**

Carol Bronson, 733 32nd Ave NE, Great Falls, MT, 59404 commented. **1:34:51**

Ellen Sievert, 1602 3rd West Hill Drive, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented. **1:40:17**

Janet Thayer, 546 Little Belt Road, Belt, MT, 59412 commented. **1:43:15**

(*Dialogue commenced between Commissioner Weber and Janet Thayer – refer to audio*)

Debbie Entz, 605 Willow Creek Road, Belt, MT, 59412 commented, **1:59:54**

Randall Knowles, 3017 9th Ave S, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented. **2:01:42**

Ken Mesaros, 2191 Millegan Road, Cascade, MT, 59414 commented. **2:06:25**

Katie Egbert, PO Box 849, Cascade, MT, 59436 commented. **2:10:20**

Bo Snell, 436 Vaughn North Frontage Road, Vaughn, MT, 59487 commented. **2:12:18**

Jess Bandel, 455 Sod Buster Road, Floweree, MT, 59440 commented. **2:13:06**

Donna Anderson, 310 South Eden Road, Great Falls, MT, 59405 commented. **2:18:30**

Randal Morger, Fort Benton, MT, commented. **2:20:40**

Steve Taylor, 3443 7th Ave S, Great Falls, MT, 59404 commented. **2:25:46**

Rae Grulkowski, PO Box 2404 Great Falls, MT, 59403 commented. **2:28:52**

Commissioner Briggs makes comments on supporting the resolution. **2:35:46**

Chairman Larson makes comments on supporting the resolution. **2:41:02**

Commissioner Weber makes remarks about the resolution. *(See Exhibit B)* **2:42:25**
Motion carries 2-1 *(For: Larson and Briggs; Against: Weber)* **2:59:31**

Public Comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103)

None

Adjournment: Chairman Larson adjourned this Commission Meeting at **12:33 p.m.**